

F-4-66  
Jacob Leatherman Farmstead  
Wolfsville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1850-1925

The Jacob Leatherman Farmstead is an agricultural and residential complex centered on a circa 1850 two-story frame or log dwelling with a one-story porch and balustrade added in the last quarter of the 19th century with domestic and agricultural outbuildings dating from the early 1920's. The house has vinyl siding and a modern addition to its rear wing, as well as early 20th century 3/1 sash and a pressed metal roof. The principal outbuildings are a frame bank barn, a terra cotta block smokehouse, a brick butchering shed, a hog barn, a chicken house, a garage, and an unusually large, two-level stone and frame root cellar/shop building. The farmstead is a fair representative of the way in which late 19th century farms were sometimes altered, leaving an original dwelling or barn and replacing all or most of the other outbuildings in a rather sweeping updating of its facilities. The farm owned by the Leatherman family from about 1850 to 1882 received this treatment about 1918-1920 when it was purchased by Oscar C. Brandenburg. Although the 1920's were the period of general conversions of farms to dairy operations, the Leatherman Farmstead apparently remained a more general agricultural operation, as evidenced by the chicken house, the hog barn, and the frame bank barn with only minor alterations.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Planning

Resource Types:

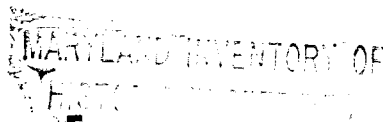
Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Domestic/secondary structure structure/other dependencies  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form



Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob Leatherman Farmstead

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 12348 Wolfsville Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Wolfsville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard L. &amp; Kathy L. Queen

street &amp; number 12348 Wolfsville Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1369

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 452

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-66

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 11

The Jacob Leatherman Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1850 frame, two-story dwelling which may incorporate portions of a log structure and 10 associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings dating from the last quarter of the 19th century and the first quarter of the 20th century, located on the south side of Wolfsville Road about 1/2 mile east of Wolfsville, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling faces north and is set back about 100 feet from the road. The outbuildings are located east and south of the house.

The house has a north elevation with three bays on the first story and two on the second story, and a one-story porch with a scroll-sawn balustrade, probably added in the last quarter of the 19th century. The supporting posts are chamfered. The exterior of the building is covered with vinyl siding, concealing german siding. The current owner's father, Mr. Queen, interviewed on the site, stated he did not think there were logs in the structure of the house and that he understood that the house was a frame building erected about 1912. The interior was not accessible for this survey; however, examination of the interior plan and details, although altered according to Mr. Queen, may help determine a more accurate date for the house. Its general exterior plan is consistent with structures built from about 1850 to 1875 and the details such as the porch and the pressed metal roof are typical of the period 1875-1900. The windows are 3/1 with molded lintels, the sash apparently being replaced during the 1920's, as this type is very common during the 1920's and 1930's. The chimney is an exterior rebuilt type on the west gable end. At the rear of the house is a two-story wing with a late 1980's one-story addition on the west side. A second exterior brick chimney is located on the south gable end of the wing. A one-story enclosed porch is located on the east side of the wing. Vinyl siding covers both the wing and the addition.

Domestic outbuildings:

Smokehouse: The square plan, red terra cotta block smokehouse is located immediately south of the rear wing of the house. Built about 1920, it has a standing seam metal hipped roof with a vent at the peak and a vertical board door in the north elevation. The foundation is concrete.

Butchering shed: The brick butchering shed is a one-story structure located east of the rear wing of the house. It has a rectangular plan with 2/2 windows and a standing seam metal gable roof. The door is a five-panel type located near the southwest corner under a bracketed hood. An exterior brick chimney is located on the north elevation. The butchering shed was also built during the 1920's.

Frame shed: The small frame shed located northeast of the house on the walkway to the barn may have been built as a tool or feed shed. Dating from about 1920, it has a nearly square plan with german siding, a standing seam metal roof and a vertical board door in the west elevation.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates C. 1850-1925

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Jacob Leatherman Farmstead is a fair example of a farmstead centered on a mid-19th century dwelling with most of its outbuildings replaced during the first quarter of the 20th century. Although most farmsteads in Frederick County retain some outbuildings contemporary with the dwelling or another early building in the grouping, some were completely replaced in the period which saw much agricultural change in the region. The conversion to dairying as the major industry which took place in the 1920's appears to have had little effect on the Leatherman Farmstead, but the other standard outbuildings such as a smokehouse, butchering shed, chicken house, and hog barn are present, indicating a subsistence farm producing mainly for its own use and selling or trading surplus for other goods. The large shop/root cellar suggests a blacksmith or other service, but information about its use remains to be gathered through local oral history.

The farm was owned by the Leatherman family from at least 1850 through 1882, then by Amanda Recher (nee Leatherman) and her daughter to 1903. By 1918, Oscar C. Brandenburg had acquired the farm and the replacement of the outbuildings probably occurred during his ownership. The farm remained in the Brandenburg family until 1977.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-66

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.  
Land Records of Frederick County  
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Myersville, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 30, Parcel 93

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May 1992street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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## 7.1 Description (Continued)

**Garage:** The frame garage was probably built about 1920 and is located just south of the bank barn. It has a rectangular plan with double bays on the west elevation. The sliding doors of vertical boards are painted in red and white with arched silhouettes. The siding is german and the west elevation has been extended during the period after 1950 to accommodate larger automobiles.

### Agricultural outbuildings:

**Bank barn:** The frame bank barn is located at the northeast corner of the farmstead and appears to be an early 20th century replacement of an earlier structure. It has a stone foundation and the vertical siding of the upper part bears the marks of circular saws. The roof is standing seam metal.

**Root cellar/shop:** This is the most unusual building in the farmstead, having been built in the early 20th century for the combined purpose of cool storage and a workshop on the upper level. It is built into a slope south of the barn with a stone lower level and a large opening on the north elevation. Inside the lower level is an extensive storage area with a frame enclosure at the rear with sliding doors. The front section may have been for equipment storage. The upper level of the building is entered from the south elevation and contains a large shop space with 2/2 windows, german siding, and a standing seam metal gable roof. On the ridgeline is a cupola for venting the below-ground storage cellar, with the flue rising through the center of the workshop.

**Chicken house:** The frame chicken house was also built in the early 20th century and is located south of the root cellar/shop. It has german siding, a standing seam metal shed roof, and a bank of windows across the south elevation. It is still in use as a chicken house.

**Corn crib:** A freestanding frame corn crib is located south of the chicken house. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. Like the other outbuildings, it appears to date from the period 1900-1925.

**Hog barn:** The hog barn, now used as a peacock shed, is located in a field east of the garage. It was also built during the first quarter of the 20th century. It has a frame structure with german siding and an open shed on the south, now enclosed for poultry use, which was probably the wallow.

**Frame shed:** A second frame shed is located in the same field about 30 yards south of the former hog barn. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. An interior brick chimney is located on the north elevation and 2/2 windows are in each elevation. It is now used as a chicken house, but its original use is unknown.

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LIBER/FOL. J	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1369/452 2 Oct 86	Richard Lee & Kathy Louise Queen	Howell F. & Isabelle D. Eyler	"Leatherman's Chance" "Mary's Memorandum" "Long Black Oak" "Rain, Hail & Snow" "Second Attempt"	\$175,000 <del>34Q</del> . 33Q.	Mentions old Mill Race & mill dam
1027/644 22 Aug 77	Howell F. & Isabelle D. Eyler	Sarah Ellen Brandenburg			
324/298 14 Mar 18	Oscar A. & Sarah Ellen Brandenburg (Oscar died 13 Nov 75)	George N. Delauter & Jannie M. Delauter	34Q.	\$3,000	
HWB 296/274 29 Mar 06	George N. Delauter et al	Charles F. & Lizzie M. Blickenstaff	<del>34Q</del>	\$2,000	
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JWLC 3/678 9 Apr 1866	Jacob Leatherman of G.	Catherine & Elias Leatherman		\$1600	



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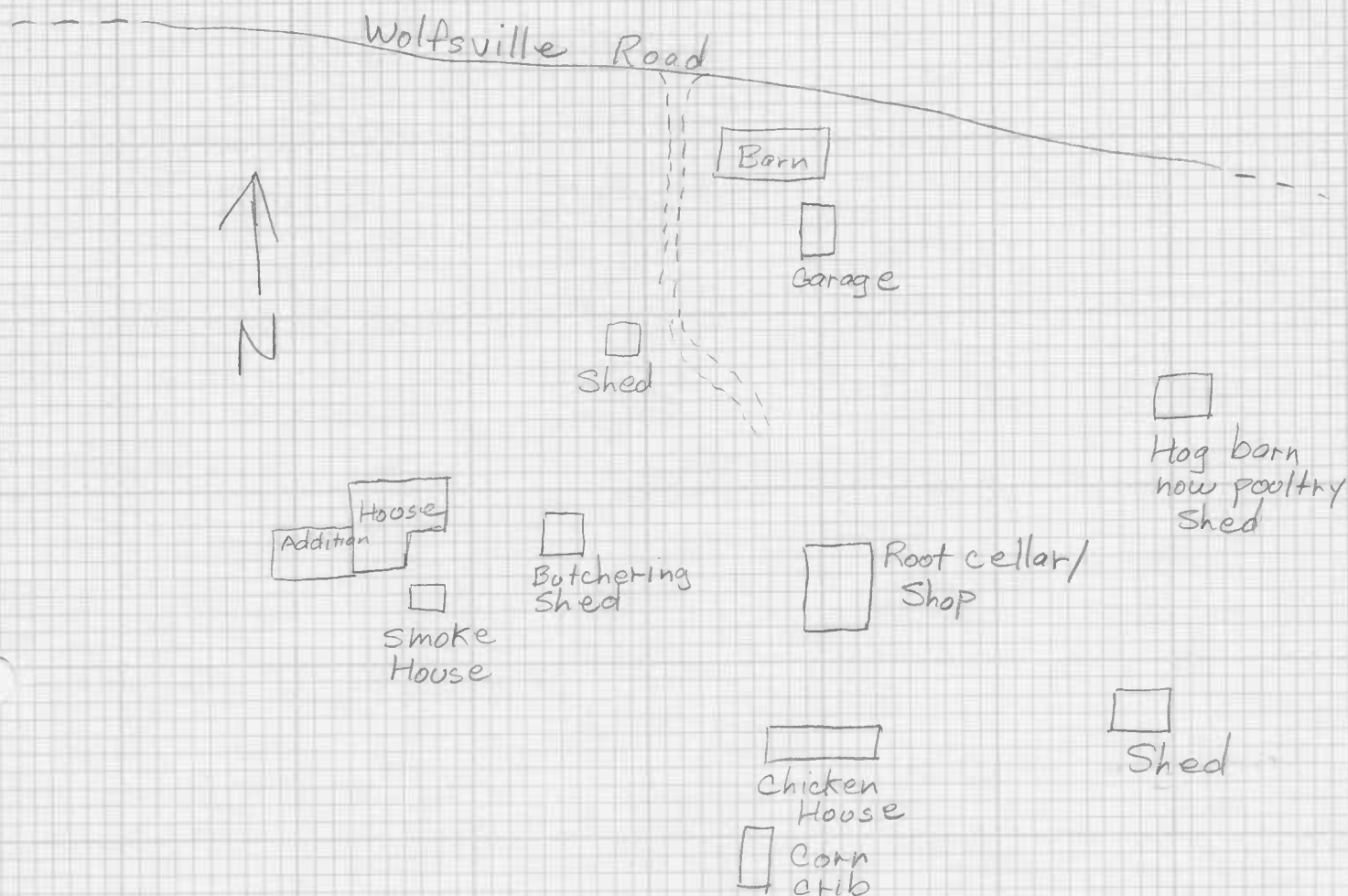
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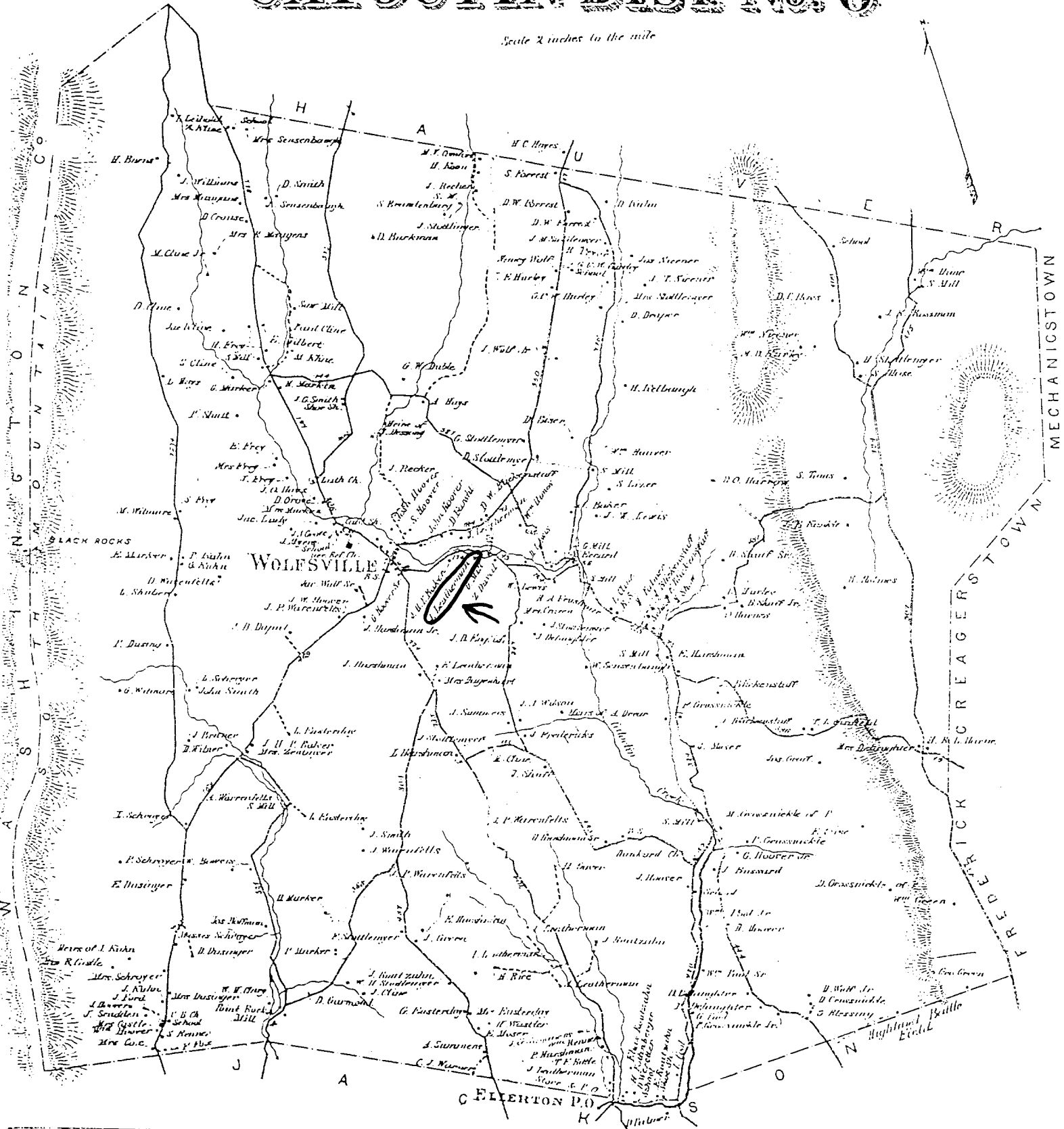
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May 11, 1992

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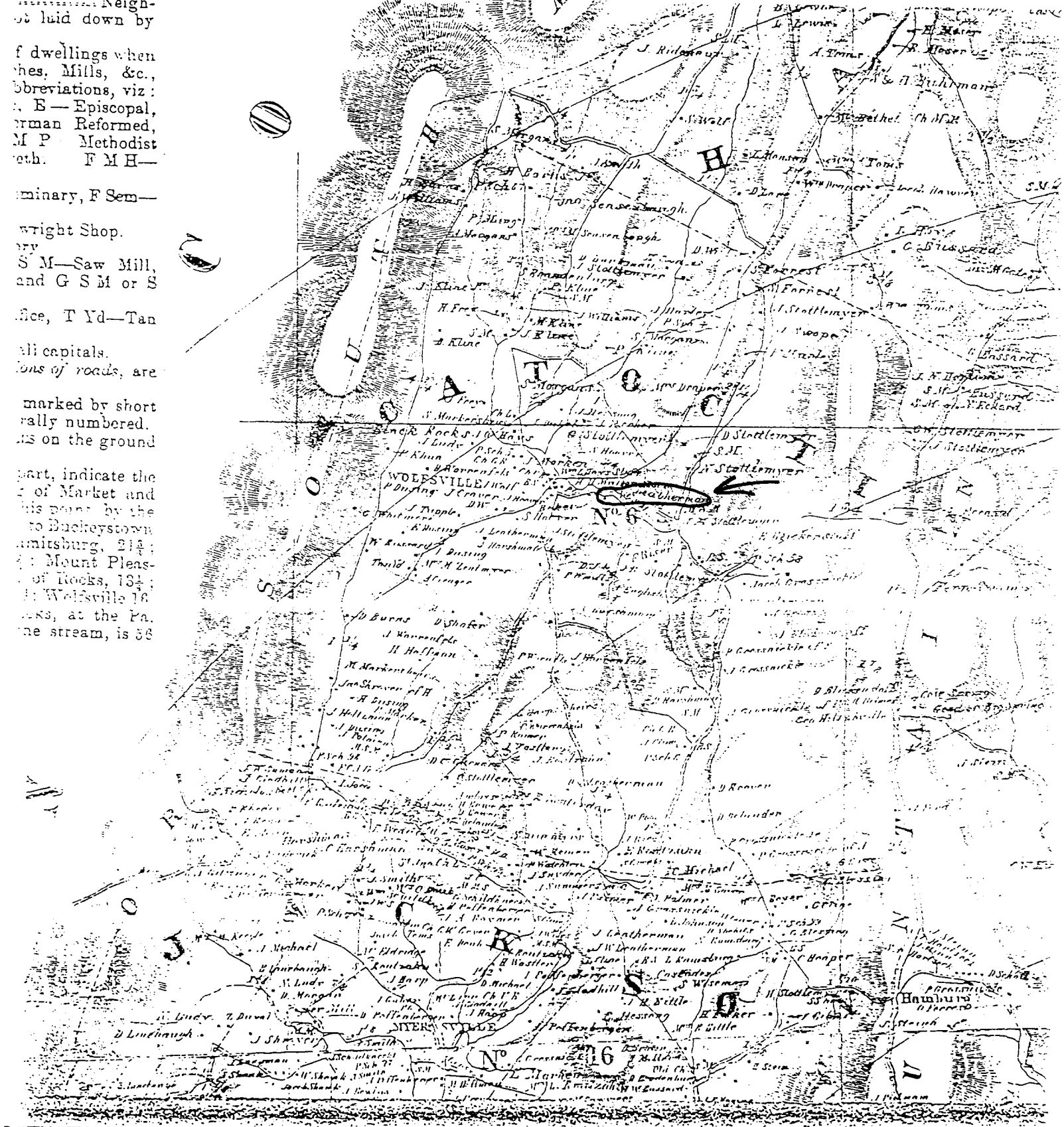
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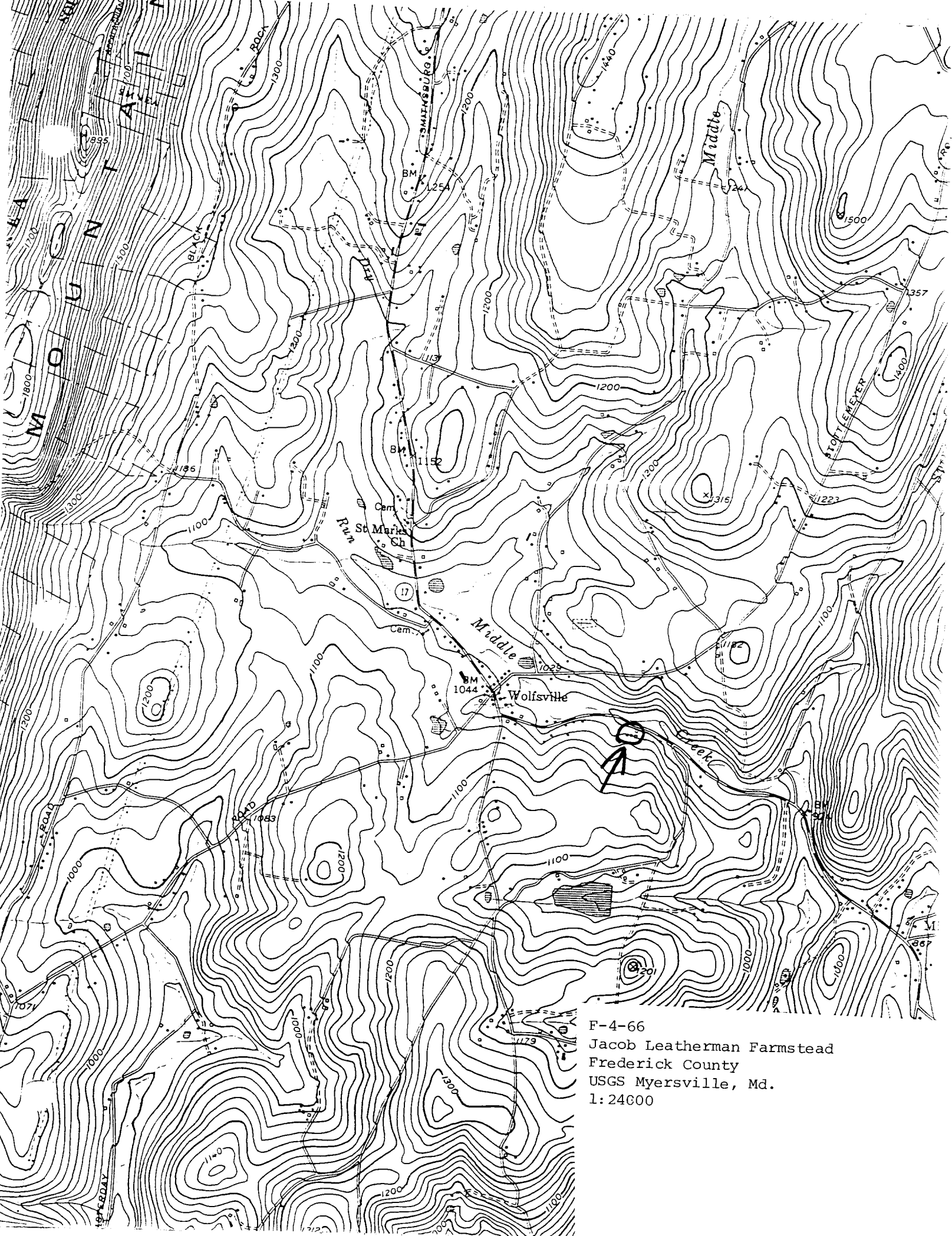
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick

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Jacob Leach, Jr. & family

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Perry

May 1972

Neg. loc. - Md. State, Craymiller Rd.

North elevation

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Jacob Leatherman farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Leary

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1500' S.E. Md. 211, Creswell, Md.

Southeast corner of lot 1, 1/4 Sec 1, T14N, R10E, S1E

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Jacob Leatherman Farm shed

Frank Rich Lewis

Photo: Janet Davis

May 1972

near Lewis Md. Sheds, Greensville, Md.

Butcher my shed, southwest corner view

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Jacob Leuthmann Farmer

Frederick County

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